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digital asset management system. The floating pallet for the digital asset management system is created in one of the plurality of different applications wherein the floating pallet uses the properties and behaviors of a selected application. An indication that a file has been transferred from the digital asset management system to the selected application is then given.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully asks for reconsideration of both this application and the Office Action of November 20, 2002.

In that Office Action, the Examiner first objected to the Abstract for using improper language. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection, but courteously urges that it has been overcome. In an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant is amending the Abstract herein to omit the language noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully ask that this objection be withdrawn.

Next, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,167,395 to Beck et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,915,250 to Jain et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, and courteously urges its reconsideration.

Claims 1 and 2 recite the creation of "a single extension plug in to interface with API's of all of [a] plurality of different applications." This feature is not taught or suggested by the Beck et al. patent. In rejection these claims, the Examiner suggested that the Beck et al. patent disclosed this feature at column 27, lines 36-40. This portion of the Beck et al. patent, along with the preceding paragraph, is reproduced below:

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Referring now to IMA 239, as previously described, operations 241 (product preview) and operation 243 (order guide) are available and related to purchasing bulk paper products. Operation 241 begins by presenting two different platform options from which a user may select. A platform A may be a Windows platform, and a platform B may be a UNIX platform. There may be more or fewer options regarding platforms. Similarly, applicable modules such as may be generic to a certain platform are installed with each platform. In this way, one application may run on differing platforms.

An AIP, labeled as such, shown logically connected beneath platforms A and B is illustrative of an interface for linked modules depended [sic] on platform choice. A database module (DAM) is first logically connected to the API module previously described. The DAM controls which..." (See column 27, lines 24-40).

Thus, the Beck et al. patent does not teach a plug in that may interface with application programming interfaces (API) of a variety of applications, as suggested by the Examiner. Instead, the Beck et al. patent appears to disclose a single software application that can operate on different platforms or operating system environments.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Beck et al. patent would not teach or suggest the features of the invention recited in claims 1 and 2. It is further respectfully submitted that the Jain et al. patent does not remedy this omission of the Beck et al. patent. Applicant therefore respectfully asks that the rejection of claims 1 and 2 be withdrawn.

It is respectfully believed that no fees are due for the entry and consideration of this Amendment. If the Commissioner deems that fees are necessary for the entry and consideration of this Amendment, or for any other reason under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of

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the claims are allowable, and that this application is therefore in condition for allowance.

Favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Abstract has been amended as follows:

An apparatus for using a floating pallet for a digital asset management system in a plurality of different applications [is disclosed]. A single extension plug-in is created to interface with API's of all of the plurality of different applications, wherein the extension plug-in communicates with the digital asset management system. The floating pallet for [said] the digital asset management system is created in one of the plurality of different applications wherein the floating pallet uses the properties and behaviors of a selected application. An indication that a file has been transferred from [said] the digital asset management system to [said] the selected application is then given.